

**HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2010**

PRESENT: Okie Allen, HIS; Bruce Baier, Consumer Representative; Thomas Fisher, AuD; Edward W. Korabic, PhD (excused at 3:30); Alma Peters, MS, MBA; Marilyn S. Workinger, PhD; Peter J. Zellmer, AuD

EXCUSED: David Friedland, MD; Terrence Greenleaf, HIS

STAFF: Gail Sumi, Bureau Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; Karen Rude-Evans, Bureau Assistant

GUESTS: Doug Johnson and Joe Hulwi, WAHP; Laura Feldhake, WSHAP; Nina Antoniotti, Marshfield Clinic; Todd Beyer, IHS

CALL TO ORDER

Marilyn Workinger, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum of seven (7) members was present. Marilyn Workinger thanked Okie Allen for his time as Board Chair and for all his expertise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments:

- Gail Pizarro, Senior Examinations Specialist, will appear for Item “E” – Review Scope Statement for approval-Continuing Education Ethics Requirements in Professions Regulated by DRL

MOTION: Okie Allen moved, seconded by Edward Korabic, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2009

Corrections:

- On page 2 under BOARD ASSIGNMENTS, add Edward Korabic to the Screening Panel
- On page 3, under REPORT FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL..., in the second paragraph, delete “a test” and insert “an assessment tool”.

MOTION: Edward Korabic moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Annual Policy Review

Gail Sumi reviewed the DRL policies with the Board.

DRL Leadership Training held December 4, 2009

DRL held a leadership training workshop on December 4, 2009. Marilyn Workinger said the training was well organized and very informative.

Board Composition/Status

A copy of the current Board roster was given to all the Board members and they were asked to update their personal information if necessary.

Dr. David Friedland's term expired on July 1, 2009 and continued to serve on the Board, however he is no longer able to attend the meetings. A replacement for his position has been nominated.

Terrence Greenleaf's term expired 7/01/2007 and he has not attended the Board meetings for some time. Gail Sumi will contact Mr. Greenleaf to inquire as to whether or not he would like to continue to serve on the Board until such time as a replacement can be found.

There is also a public member vacancy on the Board. Gail Sumi asked the Board members to submit names of possible nominees. DRL encourages board member diversity in both geographic regions of the state and ethnicity.

REPORT ON SPEECH AT WISCONSIN ALLIANCE OF HEARING PROFESSIONALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 10, 2010

Okie Allen reported on his presentation at the Wisconsin Alliance of Hearing Professionals (WAHP) Annual Conference on January 10, 2010. He reviewed Chapter 459 and had a question and answer session. Approximately 110 people attended his presentation.

TELEHEALTH – REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM CYNTHIA SEE, AUD AND APPEARANCE BY NINA ANTONIOTTI, MARSHFIELD CLINIC

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Cynthia See, AuD, regarding telehealth and video otoscopy. Nina Antoniotti, Marshfield Clinic, gave a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation on telehealth/telemedicine and demonstrated the ability of a health practitioner at a remote site to observe and assess patients thru telemedicine. All hearing instrument specialists, audiologist and speech-language pathologists who practice in this state must hold a current Wisconsin license. This includes those practitioners who practice telemedicine. The Board requested legal counsel to review this issue and bring a report to a future meeting.

REVIEW SCOPE STATEMENT FOR APPROVAL - CONTINUING EDUCATION ETHICS REQUIREMENTS IN PROFESSIONS REGULATED BY DRL

Gail Pizarro, Senior Examinations Specialist, spoke to the Board regarding approval of CE courses. At this time the Board approves individual CE courses, which is both time consuming and limiting to the licensees. Ms. Pizarro suggested the Board consider, when rule-writing, to pre-approve a category of providers and when the courses offered are clinical in nature and cover

the necessary topics, they would be automatically approved. A list of providers can be found in HAS 8.04(6) and (7), and Ms. Pizarro suggested broadening this list.

The Board directed DRL staff to review and research possible CE providers that could be added to HAS 8014(6) and (7), and to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board tabled the decision on the scope statement regarding CE ethic requirements to the next meeting.

SB 358/AB 553 RELATING TO CREATING NEW GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS, AUDIOLOGIST AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND CHANGING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS

Laura Feldhake spoke to the Board on the progress of SB 358/AB553. Okie Allen testified on behalf of this bill and Gail Sumi attended the hearing as well. All of the associations support this legislation and only a small number of individuals were in opposition. Todd Beyer, IHS, and Doug Johnson, WAHP, joined the conversation and expressed their opinions. If this bill does not pass in this legislative session, the Board will need to redraft legislation to be introduced in January 2011.

MOTION: Okie Allen moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to have the current Board Chair write a letter to the co-sponsors of this bill and Senator Erpenbach, that after lengthy discussion with all parties involved, the Hearing and Speech Examining Board maintains its continuing support of the important legislation in SB358/AB 553 as written and encourages its passing in this legislative session. Motion carried unanimously.

PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CH. INS 3 BY THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

Gail Sumi contacted Attorney Julie Walsh, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, for a status update on Ch. INS 3. All comments received are now being reviewed and should be completed by February, at which time they will move forward with the rule-making process.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Marilyn Workinger, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (a)); consider closing disciplinary investigation(s) with administrative warning(s) (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (b) and Wis. Stat. § 440.205); consider individual histories or disciplinary data (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (f)) and to confer with legal counsel (Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (g)). Motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote. Okie Allen-yes; Bruce Baier-yes; Thomas Fisher-yes; Alma Peters-yes; Marilyn Workinger-yes; and Peter Zellmer-yes.

Open session recessed at 4:05 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Okie Allen, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 4:11 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

PROPOSED STIPULATION

CHARLES M BINNS

MOTION: Peter Zellmer moved, seconded by Thomas Fisher, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Final Decision and Order in the disciplinary proceedings against Charles M. Binns. Motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATION SCORES

MOTION: Okie Allen moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to ratify the scores from the January 25, 2010 examination. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Okie Allen moved, seconded by Peter Zellmer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.